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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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<u>COMMISSIONERS</u>

SUSAN BITTER SMITH – Chairman BOB STUMP BOB BURNS DOUG LITTLE TOM FORESE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION

OF JOHNSON UTILITIES, L.L.C., FOR AN

EXTENSION OF ITS CERTIFICATE OF

CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

Arizona Corporation Commission

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DOCKET NO. WS-02987A-06-0667

DECISION NO. 74976

ORDER EXTENDING TIME DEADLINE IN DECISION NO. 70411

BY THE COMMISSION:

Open Meeting March 2 and 3, 2015

Phoenix, Arizona

Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") finds, concludes, and orders that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On October 16, 2006, Johnson Utilities, L.L.C. ("Johnson" or the "Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for an extension of it water and sewer Certificates of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to include developments known as Monterra, Montessa, Florence Plaza, and portions of Walker Butte, all located in Pinal County, Arizona.
- 2. On July 3, 2008, the Commission issued Decision No. 70411, approving Johnson's application for an extension of its water and sewer CC&Ns, with conditions.
- 3. Decision No. 70411 required Johnson to file, among other things, within two years of the effective date of the Decision:
 - a. Copies of the Approval to Construct ("ATC") issued by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") for the facilities needed for Phase 1 of each of the developments located within the requested extension area.

¹ Decision No. 70411 at 13.

- 4. The Commission also ordered that Decision No. 70411:

 [S]hall not become effective until the first day of the month after Johnson files with Docket Control documentation from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality that the Pecan Wastewater System is in full compliance with Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and Staff files confirmation of such compliance with Docket Control, and the current rate case filing is found to be sufficient.¹
- 5. On August 6, 2012, the Commission's Utility Division ("Staff") filed confirmation that Johnson's Pecan Wastewater System was in full compliance with ADEQ. Therefore, Decision No. 70411 became effective on September 1, 2012 and the compliance deadline for Johnson to file copies of the ATC for Phase 1, were due September 1, 2014.
- 6. On July 7, 2014, Johnson docketed a letter requesting a two year extension of time, until September 1, 2016, to file copies of the ATC issued by ADEQ for the water and wastewater facilities needed for Phase 1 of each of the developments located within the requested extension areas. Johnson's letter included updated requests for service from the developers of Monterra South and Monterra North and stated that market conditions have delayed the anticipated start of the developments.²
- 7. On January 23, 2015, Staff filed a Memorandum stating that Staff does not object to the Company's request for an extension of time, until September 1, 2016, to file copies of the ATC as set forth in Decision No. 70411.
- 8. Johnson has filed a timely request for an extension of the compliance deadline to file copies of the ATC issued by ADEQ for the water and wastewater facilities needed for Phase 1 of each of the developments located within the requested extension areas, as required in Decision No. 70411. Based on the developer/property owner's letter demonstrating a continuing need for Johnson to provide water and wastewater services in the extension areas and Johnson's stated effect that the economy has had on development in the extension area, we find that Johnson's request for an extension of time to comply with Decision No. 70411 is reasonable and should be granted. However, the Commission expects that that any further requests for an extension of time to comply with

² On the same date, Johnson filed an amendment to its Section 11 Wastewater Treatment Plant in accordance with compliance with Decision No. 70411.

Decision No. 70411 should demonstrate that extraordinary circumstances exists that warrant 1 additional time. 3 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW** Johnson is a public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV of the 4 1. 5 Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§ 40-281and 40-282. 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Johnson and the subject matter of this 6 proceeding. 8 3. It is reasonable and in the public interest to grant Johnson's request for a time extension to comply with Decision No. 70411. 10 **ORDER** 11 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Johnson Utilities, L.L.C. is hereby granted an extension of time, until September 1, 2016, to comply with Decision No. 70411 by filing copies of the 12 Approval to Construct, issued by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, for the water 13 and wastewater facilities needed for Phase 1 of each of the developments located within the requested 15 extension areas. 16 . . . 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any further requests for an extension of time to comply with Decision No. 70411 shall demonstrate that extraordinary circumstances exists that warrant additional time. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately. BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JODI JERICH, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this day of JODI JERICH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISSENT DISSENT YK:ru

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